

The Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS) is working, as part of our GenPlus approach, to maximize all available resources, including TANF funds, for workforce development. This includes using TANF funds to help individuals obtain the needed skills to compete in today's economy, while also removing barriers faced by individuals and their families such as transportation, child care, tuition and books, certificates and exams, items needed for work, etc.

MDHS continues building momentum toward developing cycles of success with families using our generation plus (Gen +) approach to address poverty as well as associated barriers encountered by Mississippi families. The approach is designed with an intentional focus on working with the family as a whole. The Gen+ has four key components: education; economic supports through workforce development; health and well-being along with social capital. The goal is to create a foundational framework within the department so that identified resources and services along with program support are aligned with a generation plus approach to build upon the success of the family as a whole.